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In RE application of T. ARAKI et al.

Serial No.: 09/981,756

Group Art Unit: 3623

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For: ITEM ALLOCATION METHOD, SYSTEM AND
PROGRAM FOR WORKFLOW SYSTEM

Examiner: C. TARAE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

May 15, 2006

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

Small entity of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish small entity status-under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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| Rate | Additional Fee |
| X 25 | \$ |
| X 100 | \$ |
| X 180 | \$ |
| Total | \$ |

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| X 50 | \$ |
| X 200 | \$ |
| X 360 | \$ |
| Total | \$ |

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 15, 2006, setting a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on May 15, 2006, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks are included following the amendments.